REGION/COUNTRY	
Australasia	
Australia	49911
Newzealand	11320
Fiji	1471
Others	520
Total	63222
Stateless	8853
GRAND TOTAL	2423498

Income tax mobilisation

*288. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many professionals like doctors/teachers are not paying income tax due from them and are in fact evading tax;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to bring them into tax net;

(c) what steps are being taken to mobilise more income tax; and

(d) what is the level of achievement of collection as compared to the budget estimates so far in this financial year?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) The Income Tax Department regularly comes across cases of tax evasion of various categories of assessees including professionals like teachers, doctors, and others.

(b) and (c) In order to generate more tax revenue, the Government follows a two-pronged approach of encouraging voluntary compliance and intensifying enforcement measures.

(d) As on 30th November 2002, (for F.Y. 2002-2003) the collection of Direct Taxes is Rs. 36,226 crores (Budget Estimates Rs. 91,585 crores), which is about 40% of the Budget Estimates.